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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 0680

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF CHINESE GUNBOATS

1. CHINESE FREIGHTER " DANING", REGISTERED CANTON, OBSERVED BY EMBOFFS EARLY EVENING APRIL 28 ENTERING FREETOWN HARBOR. DANING CARRYING AS DECK CARGO TWO BOATS OF ESTIMATED LENGTH 120 FEET. SILHOUETTE OF CANVAS- COVERED BOATS APPEARS TO BE THAT OF FAST GUNBOAT OF SHANGHAI CLASS WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT FORE AND AFT GUN MOUNTINGS ERECTED.

). COMMENT: EMBASSY ASSUMES DANING' S DECK CARGO ARE TWO GUNBOATS PROMISED TO GOSL BY CHINESE, WHICH WERE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ABOUT THIS TIME. HOPE TO GET CLOSER LOOK AT BOATS LATER TODAY.
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